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SUBJECT: 97TH EXBD: ITEM 3.1.1 (III) - REPORT OF
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1. REPORT OF DG ON MARINE SCIENCES IN 1974.

(A) PARA (385) - USDEL SHOULD NOTE (UNLESS DG OR IOC
SECRETARIAT DOES SO) THAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS
WITH ICSPRO AGENCIES HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED. AT THIS
TIME THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER AGREEMENT (OTHER THAN
EXISTING ICSPRO AGREEMENT) WITH IMCO. A DOCUMENT STATING
THE MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IOC AND UNESCO IS BEING
PREPARED. FAO AND UNESCO ARE UPDATING THEIR 1968 AIDE
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MEMOIRE ON THIS SUBJECT AND WMO IS DRAFTING A DOCUMENT FOR

CONSIDERATION BY IOC AND UNESCO.

(B) IF APPROPRIATE, THE USDEL MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT PARAS (402) - (404) DEAL WITH THE WORKING COMMITTEE (NO LONGER WORKING GROUP) ON INTERNATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA EXCHANGE WHICH IS NOT PART OF IGOSS AS TITLE OF SECTION MIGHT IMPLY.

(C) WOULD APPRECIATE DEL REQUESTING FROM IOC SECRETARIAT MORE INFO ON PARA (418). DEPT UNAWARE THAT SUCH A SCHEME HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, ALTHOUGH HAD BEEN CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION OF IOC EIGHTH ASSEMBLY.

2. VAN USSEL REPORT ON MARINE SCIENCE FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 97TH EXBD. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE MADE ON PARA 1 (III) OF REFTTEL ONLY.

(A) "NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN DIVISION OF MARINE SCIENCE AND IOC." U.S. HAS SUPPORTED THIS FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND CONTINUES TO DO SO. BELIEVE 18C/5 AND DG'S REPORT INDICATE SUCH COORDINATION IS DEVELOPING.

(B) "MORE OBJECTIVE MINDED PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS ON BETTER POLICY PLANNING." U.S. HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. BELIEVE IOC/EC-V RESOLUTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 (GET COPIES FROM IOC SECRETARIAT) SHOW THAT IOC IS BEGINNING TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION. U.S. HOPES TO INTRODUCE A PROPOSAL AT IOC EIGHTH ASSEMBLY (OCT.-NOV. 1975) TO ESTABLISH A WORKING COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF SCIENTISTS, TO PROVIDE A CENTRAL PLANNING BODY FOR THE IOC'S SCIENCE PROGRAM (LEPOR/IDOE, COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS), SIMILAR TO THE WORKING COMMITTEES FOR IGOSS AND FOR INTERNATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA EXCHANGE (IODE) (OCEAN SERVICES PROGRAMS) AND FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

(C) "IOC BE MORE OF A DATA BANK." DEPT UNCLEAR EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT BY THIS. FIRST WORKING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY IOC WAS IODE, WHICH HAS BEEN PERHAPS THE MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL OF IOC ACTIVITIES. WC/IODE WORKS CLOSELY WITH UNEP ON MARINE POLLUTION DATA AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE (GEMS AND INFORMATION REFERRAL SERVICE). ACTUAL DATA FROM MARINE AND POLLUTION RESEARCH GOES INTO WORLD DATA CENTER SYSTEM (OCEANOGRAPHY DATA CENTERS IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW). THESE DATA CENTERS COULD ALSO KEEP INVENTORIES OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS BEING CARRIED OUT. ALL DATA AND INVENTORIES IN WDC SYSTEM ARE AVAILABLE TO

ANYONE WHO REQUESTS IT.

(D) "IOC SHOULD ADMINISTER COMMON HERITAGE OF THE OCEANS." THE U.S. EMPHATICALLY DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS ASSERTION AND THE USDEL SHOULD PRESS TO HAVE IT DELETED. IT MAY BE REPLACED BY A GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE READINESS OF UNESCO AND THE IOC TO COOPERATE IN AREAS WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE. DETAILED COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THIS U.S. POSITION HAVE BEEN AIRPOUCHED TO PERMDEL ON APRIL 17. KISSINGER

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